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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 5, 2002, Applicant's through their attorney, respectfully reply with the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification:

In the Summary of the Invention, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The typical metals targeted for removal from aqueous solutions include iron, iron oxide, silica, aluminum oxide, aluminum, magnesium, cadmium, copper, chromium, nickel, lead, and zinc. Generally, the process of the present invention may be employed to remove these and other dissolved or suspended metals during a change in pH of the aqueous solution. It should therefore be appreciated that any lithic material capable of preferentially precipitating such metals from an aqueous solution may be employed as the precipitating agent.--

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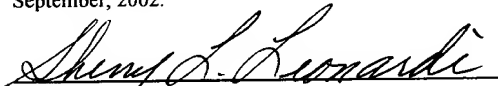
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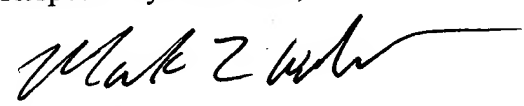
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